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## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN OUR OWN STATE

Corporation Tax Law Valid—Mexican  
Insurrection Serious—President  
Taft Resting at Augusta Ga.—The  
Veto Fight in English Parliament.

### VICTORY FOR THE PRESIDENT

The corporation tax law outlined by President Taft and submitted to Congress during the wrangle over the Payne-Aldrich tariff was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States last Monday; the decision being unanimous. The amount of taxes collected under this law is more than \$27,000,000. The Court bases its decision upon the fact that the tax is what it claims to be—an excise tax and not an income tax. It has been bitterly opposed from the first and its enemies are greatly disappointed that the Court holds it valid.

### SITUATION IN MEXICO

As may be seen from a glance at page two, this issue, the situation in Mexico is serious. The uprising there is of several months duration, and just what the outcome will be no one can tell. One day the reports have it that the federal forces are in control, and the next day it would seem that the insurgents are going to have things all their own way. Much speculation is being indulged in as to the proper interpretation of our own government's action in sending troops to the Mexican border. They are there, and the militia of many states are being held in readiness to move. The department at Washington has not taken the country into its confidence unless it is true, as reported, that the move is simply an army maneuver with no intended political significance. It would seem that it will have the political significance, however. The proclamation of the Mexican President putting the country under martial law is taken to mean that the Government feels the seriousness of the rebellion.

### PRESIDENT RESTING

After his visit to the Commercial Congress at Atlanta, where he made a speech last week, President Taft went to Augusta, Ga., where he is taking a rest which it is said will continue for nine days. He is playing golf and swinging leisurely on the great hotel veranda, and incidentally, of course, outlining in his mind at least his message to the extra session of Congress which is to convene on April 4th.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT

The veto fight is still the topic of greatest interest in Great Britain. The Government, that is the party that outlines the policies, the majority party, is pushing its advantage to the limit and there seems now to be no doubt whatever that the power of the Upper House will be limited. The lords are taking the situation very seriously and have frequently lost their temper and their dignity during the last week. Some scenes have been enacted that savor a good deal of American Congressional methods.

To Destroy Black Gunpowder.  
The safest way to destroy black gunpowder is to throw it into water, thereby dissolving the saltpeter.

Captain Hobson Tours Kentucky—Serious Strike on Queen and Crescent—Republican Convention Called for Paris—Night Rider Trials—Fayette County Judge Dies—Stanley Declines Not to Run.

### FOR TEMPERANCE

Capt. Hobson of Spanish-American War fame, now a member of Congress from Alabama, is touring the state in the interest of temperance. His lectures are being given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and are attracting great crowds wherever given.

### Q. & C. STRIKE

A strike of the firemen on the Queen and Crescent railroad is assuming serious proportions. The cause of the strike is the objection on the part of the firemen to negroes being employed in that capacity. All trains now running are protected by armed guards and riots are reported in several places which have resulted in a number of deaths.

### AGRICULTURAL TRAIN QUILTS

The agricultural demonstration train, sent out by the department at Frankfort and the State College, after proving its worth for several days, was forced to stop owing to the strike on the Queen and Crescent.

### CONVENTION IN PARIS

At a meeting of the Republican Committee from the Third Railroad district at Mt. Sterling last Saturday, a convention to nominate a candidate for railroad commissioner was called to meet at Paris on May 3rd. Several candidates are in the field. The principal ones of whom are A. T. Syler, the present incumbent, Jackson Morris and H. G. Garrett.

### NIGHT RIDER TRIALS

The long talked of night rider cases are up for trial in Hopkinsville this week. Some sensational evidence has been submitted such as will possibly make the outside world wake up to the fact that there are other districts in Kentucky that are noted for their lawlessness as well as the mountains. If the evidence can be taken at its face value, a condition is unearthed that would put any half civilized country to shame.

### CIRCUIT JUDGE DIES

Judge Watts Parker, for seventeen years Judge of the Circuit Court of Fayette County, died suddenly in Lexington, Monday morning. Judge

### STOOD THE SUPREME TEST

Last week we published a very meager account of the drowning of Mr. Elihu Garrison and his son in Red Bird, Clay county. Since then we have received a letter bearing testimony to Mr. Garrison's worth as a citizen which we think deserves all the publicity it can be given. The man who writes the letter is a competent judge of men and has had a splendid opportunity to know the truth of what he speaks. It follows:

"Monday evening my old friend Elihu Garrison and his son Shelby were drowned in Red Bird some miles above the mouth of Big Creek. If there are any good men in Leslie county, and I know there are plenty, he was one of the best."

"He had been unfortunate and had a son in the penitentiary. I presided at that trial, and the boy was convicted for life on the evidence of his father, mother and sister, who were the only eye witnesses."

"My experience thru that trial convinced me that there are some people who will not swear a lie no matter what the temptation, in other words there is some virtue left in the world which will not succumb to any temptation whatever."

When we read the above testimony we were reminded of the Scripture phrase, "Who sweareth to his own hurt and chaargeth not" and we wanted to say and do now say that, if he is correctly reported, this man not only stood the test of those who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, but he stood the supreme test of citizenship as well.

The writer of the letter says that there are many good men in Leslie county and we are sure there are elsewhere but we need a dozen where we just have one that can take the test that Mr. Garrison took.

That was citizenship. That was loyalty to country. That was patriotism. We are inclined to think that such a man could have been trusted anywhere, everywhere.

"May his tribe increase."

### ANOTHER TERRIBLE INDICTMENT

The Citizen has just received what purports to be an authentic account of the terrible killing in Clay County, Sunday afternoon, the 5th. It is a sickening story and we would not print it all if we could. We shall only give the mere details as they have come to us and ask a few questions.

General May is sitting on the porch of John Duff whose house is by the roadside on Otter Creek. Duff is just lately returned from the Penitentiary, having finished a life sentence. Governor Willson having taken a hand in the usual way in making it short. May is accused of killing eight men and admits the killing of three but has so far escaped punishment.

Sherman Meridith and his wife pass Duff's house returning from a visit to a neighbor by the name of Freeman where they had taken dinner. They are accompanied by Freeman's boy. There has been no trouble between Meridith and May but Duff and Meridith have had a contention about a division line. May calls the Meridiths back after they have passed the house and the boy warns them that they will be killed if they go. They return and are both shot and die instantly and the boy who did not return with them is shot in the heel as he runs and will die of blood poison. May escapes but is captured a week later at Winchester and confesses that he killed Meridith but says that Meridith's wife was killed by a shot fired by farmer Freeman who came up at the time of the trouble.

The above are the alleged facts—not very definite we admit, but they are sufficient for our purpose. But what of them? Nothing more than that they are a terrible indictment of the state of society among us. Three lives snuffed out and for nothing—a little difference that might have been settled by a soft answer, perhaps, or the resort to a surveyor at most. But life is considered cheaper than that. It is easier to kill than to be reasonable; it is cheaper to kill than to employ a surveyor. Is it?

But there is something else too. Can any one wonder that we have a bad name? Yes, there are heinous crimes committed elsewhere, but that does not justify or shield us in any sense. Crime is an indictment wherever it is found, and needs condemnation and not justification.

And what are we going to do about it? Get on the defensive as soon as the outside world begins to comment on it? We hope so, but we hope it will be the right kind of defense—one that will remove the cause of criticism—make criticism impossible.

The difference between us and other peoples in other cities and states is not that we have all the criminals and they none—it is, if there is any difference in their favor, that there are fewer forces among us at work to prevent, to eradicate, to control crime.

To every one disturbed by outside criticism, to every one appalled by the situation, to every one wanting to know what to do, which way to turn, how to begin, we commend our editorial of last week—The Prevention of Crime—First Step, and we hope to outline the Second Step next week.

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### Captain Hobson in Berea

Great Audience in Chapel, Monday Night, Hears Him Lecture on Temperance.—The Most Masterly Appeal Ever Heard from the Berea Platform.—Second Great Address, Tuesday Morning.

It was unexpected, but it was what many had been long waiting for—a real scientific, non-sentimental argument for temperance, total abstinence, prohibition.

It was unexpected in that it was not planned—had not been scheduled—came by chance, by accident, it would seem. In fact it was designed for another place. Captain Hobson was to visit just so many places in Kentucky, and Georgetown was one of the number. Mrs. Beauchamp, the President of the W. C. T. U., had the

ties. It is a poison, a toxin. A glass of beer can not be taken without reducing the efficiency of the drinker 12 per cent. Even the temperate use of alcohol lessens the vitality and the power to resist disease. So intemperance is the potent ally of all diseases. It doubles the death rate. The white corpuscles in the blood are the germ destroyers, but alcohol disarms the white corpuscles and sets them to devouring the gray matter of the brain and degeneracy follows to the fourth generation.

Of the offspring of alcoholics 53 per cent will be abnormal and one child in every five on an average will go insane and one in every 3 will be an epileptic. The life of the moderate drinker is on the average 13 years shorter than that of the total abstainer and that of the drunkard is 25 years shorter. Of all crimes 95 per cent are due to alcohol.

In all wars since 500 B. C. there have been 2,500,000 killed and wounded, but alcohol kills 700,000 Americans every year. It kills and wounds 28,000,000 every year. Each saloon kills 4, has 25 mortally wounded and 100 seriously wounded every year. The saloons are assassins and the state has just as much right to license an assassin as it has to legalize saloons. If all nations should declare war upon America she would stand a better show than against alcohol, for war kills but does not degenerate, while alcohol degenerates.

The race advances by evolution but alcohol is the destroyer that makes evolution impossible. The nations of the world have fallen in succession before it. An untainted remnant in each case has continued the struggle on virgin western soil but now there is no longer any west—no virgin soil. The race has reached its last stand. The battle is to be fought out now once and for all—the white race, and America is the battle field.

And there is a real peril. It is the saloon peril. In another respect it may be called the yellow peril. There are 400,000,000 little yellow men in eastern Asia that are more efficient than we because they are temperate—they have no alcohol problem. They can shoot as straight as we, they have more endurance and can subsist on one-twentieth of what it takes to support us. We shall fall before them within a few generations unless we conquer the foe that is sapping our efficiency.

We would die for the flag. We would suffer none to wave above it. But to maintain it on high we must conserve and increase our efficiency—our slogan must be total abstinence, absolute prohibition. One doesn't have to abstain, but he must abstain if he joins the army. One doesn't have to abstain but he must abstain if he is employed by a great industrial organization. And the prohibition is not to be of the legislature but of the people—embodied in the constitutions.

### NEW BANK PRESIDENT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Berea Bank and Trust Co., held Tuesday, Mar. 7, W. H. Porter, having sold his entire stock in the Bank, tendered his resignation as president and it was accepted.

At an adjourned meeting held Friday, March 10, A. Isaacs, the former Vice-President, was elected President and J. W. Stephens was elected Vice-President.



RICHMOND P. HOBSON  
Congressman from Sixth District of  
Alabama.

itinerary in charge. But Georgetown failed her and she offered him to Berea and Berea secured him, thanks to President Frost, a number of citizens and the Students Temperance Union acting thru its president, Mr. Horace Caldwell.

For years it has been becoming more and more evident that the old stock arguments for temperance have lost their force. Their appeal has weakened and as this conviction grew the demand has grown for a new argument, the real argument, the final, irrefutable, scientific argument, and Captain Hobson is the first so far as The Citizen knows to voice it. Certainly it is from his lips that it has first been heard in Kentucky.

But what is it, and how does it differ from the old?

In the first place it is an appeal for efficiency, for individual, for racial, for human efficiency, and a scientific demonstration is the basis of the appeal. Alcohol has no food proper-

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